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ARRESTS MADE IN MAY 30 MURDER

(San Diego) San Diego Police Department Homicide Unit detectives have arrested two suspects for the May 30, 2008 shooting death of Ephrain Garcia in the Nestor neighborhood.

On May 30, at 4:40 p.m., Garcia was in the 1900 block of llex Avenue when he and a companion exchanged words with the occupants of a white Jeep Cherokee. The Cherokee stopped, and several males stepped out. One of the males pulled out a gun and shot Garcia, who collapsed in a nearby parking lot and died at the scene.

Homicide detectives recovered the suspect vehicle the next day and began to develop the suspects' identities. On Wednesday, June 11, detectives arrested Rene Delgado, 19, in the 1400 block of Hilltop Drive in Chula Vista. Yesterday, detectives arrested Jesus Soto, 21, at his home in the 1500 block of Coronado Avenue in San Diego. Both suspects were booked into County Jail.

The case was presented to the District Attorney's Gang Prosecution Unit, and both suspects will be charged with murder.